MINUTES PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE May 19, 2011

Minutes of the Pierce County Districting Committee are not verbatim; however, audio recordings are available upon request.

1. Call to Order

The Pierce County Districting Committee meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Seinfeld.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll; there were 4 members present and a quorum. Blair was excused.

Committee Members present: Karen Seinfeld, Chair; Deryl McCarty, Vice Chair; Michael Abernathy, Member; and Sam Ross, Member.

Staff present: Doug Vanscoy, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; and Steven Garrett, Districting Master.

There were 17 guests present.

3. Approval of Agenda

McCarty moved approval of the agenda as presented; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of the Minutes

McCarty moved approval of the April 28, 2011 minutes; motion seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

5. Presentation from Steven Garrett, Districting Master / Q & A period.

Steven Garrett provided maps to the Committee and talked about the criteria he used to put together the first set of districting maps. Copies of the maps are contained in the meeting file.

The Chair asked for feedback of the Committee Members; Garrett answered questions of the Districting Committee.

6. Public Comment

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony:

Dan Haire, Larry Volland, Deb Blakeslee, Dick Muri, Pierce County Councilmember, Ron Lucas, Mayor, Town of Steilacoom; James Halmo, Bud Rehberg, Marianne Lincoln, Chris Koffman, Kirsten Watts, Ben Anderstone, and Justin Leighton spoke regarding the first set of districting maps and voiced their concerns and praises.

Garrett answered questions raised throughout public testimony and of committee members.

The Districting Committee members discussed the concerns expressed by the public about dividing certain communities. Based on this discussion, Seinfeld asked Garrett to provide possible alternative districts that: a) include Anderson and Ketron Islands and the City of Steilacoom in the same district as the immediately adjacent portions of Lakewood; and b) include Waller and Summit communities within the same district.

7. Budget Report

Schultz reported that approximately \$2,500 has been spent to date.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. location Franklin Pierce High School.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attest:

Jenifer Schultz, Committee Clerk

Approved:

Karen Seinfeld, Chair

Date